

Channel, more than twelve months ago owing to the coal strike. The worker feels that he has earned a holiday, and intends—and very properly—to extract what he can out of it. But Whitsuntide is a time not altogether devoted to pleasure. It is a season which is growing in popularity from the point of view of Conferences of trade and labour societies, literary institutions, and the like. Each and every one of these possesses great interest for a large section of the community. Business and pleasure are combined with these important events. For them as for others much depends upon the weather, and so, it is to be hoped, that round Whitsuntide the sun will shine, and soft, invigorating breezes skim over the green fields, and the blue sea. There are very many city people who next week will make their first acquaintance with Kilkee, Lahinch, and other places of resort along the western seaboard after a long, dreary winter and spring, and, needless to say, they look forward to their visit with pleasurable expectation, and with a certain degree of confidence that the Clerk of the Weather will not disappoint them.

THE S.P.C.A.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held on Saturday afternoon, and published in our issue of that evening, bears ample testimony to the usefulness and efficacy of this active institution. Its object is a most humane one, the prevention of suffering to dumb animals, faithful and indispensable friends of man. Acts of cruelty are very often the result of want of thought, and not through evil intent, but the result to the poor animal is the same in any case, and thus the Society is a potent corrective, and a means of pointing out to thoughtless people the error of their ways. It avoids, as the report points out, prosecutions, except in cases where warnings and other means have not had the desired effect. Evidently these warnings have proved salutary in most instances, as in 92 cases that came under notice during the year it was only necessary to institute prosecutions in 25. The report gives proof of practical, solid work that must heartily commend itself to everyone who loves kindness to animals, and desires to see them treated with the care and the consideration that they deserve. The Association has in hands a mission which deserves the fullest support, and we think it but necessary to allude to the fact that its funds are limited—too limited—to ensure increased subscriptions in the future. The local Branch, it is to be regretted, has a small debt resting on its shoulders. This should be liquidated at once, and sufficient funds provided to enable the Society, as the Mayor remarked to extend its sphere of usefulness

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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. PETER RIORDAN.

His many friends in the city have learned with keen regret of the death of Mr. Peter Riordan, which took place in a Nursing Home in Dublin on Sunday evening. The deceased, who was in his fortieth year, was fifth son of the late Mr. Patrick Riordan, William-street, who was for a considerable time manager of the Gas Works. For some months past Mr. Riordan had not been in the best of health, and recently he went to Dublin in the hope that the change would bring about renewed strength. It had not, however, the effect on his constitution which his friends hoped for, and he passed away at five o'clock on Sunday evening. Mr. Riordan was a quiet, unobtrusive young man, highly esteemed by everyone who knew him for his sterling qualities and genial disposition. He was for many years a member of the Catholic Literary Institute, and in no place, outside the family circle, will his death be felt more genuinely than within the precincts of that institution. The remains arrived in the city from King's-bridge at 7.15 last evening, and were met, by a large concourse of mourners. They were removed to St. Michael's R.C. Church, where they rested overnight, and this morning service for the dead was celebrated in presence of a large congregation.

The funeral took place this morning, from St. Michael's R.C. Church, for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was extremely large, and representative, and a striking tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, who enjoyed a wide measure of popularity in the city.

The chief mourners were Mr. Timothy Riordan, Mr. Patrick Riordan (brothers), Mr. Joseph Doyle, and Mr. Jack Doyle, Dublin, (cousins).

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Dwane, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Devane, C.C.; Rev. Fr. O'Carroll, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Thornhill, C.C.; Rev. Fr. O'Driscoll, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, C.C., St. John's; Rev. Fr. Anthony, C.S.F.; Rev. Fr. McWilliams, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Forrester, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Keane, President, St. Munchin's College; Rev. Fr. Hennessy, O.S.A.

Father O'Connor officiated.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH RIDDELL

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Riddell, which took place unexpectedly on Friday morning at her residence, Island View House, Thomondgate. The deceased lady was wife of Mr. John Riddell, Limerick Distillery, and the news of her demise came as a great shock to her family and numerous friends. She was a lady who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. Of a generous and kindly nature, and ever ready to lend her assistance to any charitable object, Mrs. Riddell was a devoted wife and mother, and a generous friend of the poor. The funeral took place at half-past ten yesterday morning for St. Munchin's Church, and was attended by a considerable number of mourners, who were present to pay a tribute to her memory.

The chief mourners were—Mr. John Riddell (husband), Mr. Edmund Ludlow (son-in-law), Masters John E. and C. J. Ludlow (grandchildren), and Mr. C. Ludlow.

The officiating clergy were Rev. R. H. Semple and Rev. D. McCausland.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY MCCARTHY.

The death occurred late on Sunday night of Mrs. Mary McCarthy, Upper Ceoil street, at an advanced age, and after a protracted illness. The deceased lady was widow of the late Mr. Charles McCarthy, and mother of Mr. J. McCarthy, a respected member of the Limerick Postal Staff. Mrs. McCarthy for many years conducted the old established hotel and restaurant, Upper Ceoil street, now carried on by her daughter. She was a lady esteemed by all who knew her for her genial disposition and charitable nature. The remains were interred to-day in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery in presence of a large concourse of citizens.

The chief mourners were—Mr. John McCarthy (son), Mrs. Molloy and Miss McCarthy (daughters), and Mr. M. Molloy (son-in-law).

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Devane, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Mangan, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. McWilliams, S.J., and Rev. Fr. Peter, O.S.F.

Fr. O'Connor officiated at the graveside.

is the outstanding figure of the drama, which is studded with surprises, but the criminals are overpowered, and the eminent detective glorified. The other films were "The Finger of Suspicion," "Pat Clancy's Adventure," "The Eaves-droppers," "Bear and Man."

LIMERICK GAELIC LEAGUE.

Irish in Primary Schools.

Mr. D. Foley presided at the general meeting of the Limerick Gaelic League on Sunday night, when the secretary, in his report, reviewed the work done in the city during the academic year now drawing to a close. In the course of his report the secretary pointed out that, generally speaking, excellent work had been accomplished in the various classes, but he was sorry to have to state that there was a falling off in attendance at the debating class or history lectures, while the class established for teachers was not as well supported as the circumstances warranted. Since the last general meeting the Gaelic League had again renewed its appeal for funds to enable it to continue its mission. In the city the collection had been in progress for some time. It had not yet been completed, but there was every reason to anticipate that it would be as good as last year. Having alluded to the Children's Ceilidhe, and the hurling tournament organised in connection with the Feis, the report concluded as follows:—There is another matter to which I wish to call your attention before I finish. Previous to the last general meeting the Limerick Corporation discussed the question of establishing scholarships tenable at the National University, and at the same time directed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to inquire into the matter and draw up a suitable scheme. Some time ago the Whole House Committee recommended that the necessary funds be raised, and on last Thursday night a Sub-Committee, on which Craobh Luimnighe will have two representatives, was appointed to draft the scheme, so that before long the Limerick Corporation will have done its part for the support of the only University which has any claim to be called Irish.

The report having been adopted, the Rev. J. Hayes, St. Murehin's College, addressing the meeting, said the report was inspiring and a matter for encouragement to those who believed in the Irish Ireland Movement. There was no need for pessimism about the success of the movement which was more than assured. In the National University good work was being done for Irish Ireland; the Cork University was not lagging, while in Maynooth College no better working could be done for the movement than was being done. Everywhere successful and satisfactory results had been achieved except in the Primary Schools. The Gaelic League had yet a big fight to make to get Irish taught as a compulsory subject in these schools. Let them continue the agitation without flinching, and he had no fears for the future. (Hear, hear).

OUTRAGE CONDEMNED.

A meeting of the Committee of the Pallaskenry Hurling Club was held on the 30th April. Rev. Father Coleman, President, presided. It was proposed by Dr. Cussen, and seconded by Mr. James Halpin, Captain, and passed unanimously—"That we the members of the Pallaskenry Sporting Club wish unanimously to place on record our vehement protest against the dastardly and unmerited outrage recently perpetrated on the property of Mr. Caulfield, of Copwood House, by the destruction of his shrubs. And we wish to condemn in the strongest terms those unmeaning and cowardly acts. And we propose that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Caulfield, inserted in the minutes, and sent to the Press."

RECENT LIMERICK FIRE.

Heroism Rewarded.

Amongst the awards made in London yesterday by the Society for Prevention of Life from Fire are one guinea each to James Ledden and J. P. Griffin, Limerick, for their pluck in saving two persons from the William Street Fire, on the 30th March, when three others who, unfortunately, could not be reached lost their lives.

DEATH OF AN IRISHMAN IN A CORNISH CHURCH.

Colonel Sackville Berkeley Hamilton, of Cork, formerly Assistant Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, died suddenly yesterday at Penzance, where he had been staying since Christmas. Yesterday morning Colonel Hamilton,

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